

Gentlemen,
The proposed regulations for the "Broadcast Flag" are entirely unreasonable. They would make it a crime to develop free software to receive television broadcasts. There is no rational justification for this. Television has survived for over fifty years without needing special regulations for copy protection, and there's no reason why they are necessary now.

By adopting these regulations, the FCC would effectively create a television manufacturer's cartel. No one else would be able to create software to receive television broadcasts.

The regulations also would prevent the person receiving the television broadcasts from availing him or herself of fair use rights under copyright law.

Please do NOT adopt these regulations.

Sincerely,
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